

any special soul-saving enterprise they lean heavily on "the brakes" of discouragement.

Of such compromising Christians it may well be said "their heart is divided; now shall they be found guilty." They offend God, who demands the homage of the whole heart. Promising Christ their whole selves, they put him off with the cheese-parings; in short, their current of conduct is so sliced off by greedy outlets on both sides, that only a feeble rivulet of religion trickles along its parched channel. This is no caricature; there are quite too many who have sat for this photograph. Their punishment is to be what they are. They rob themselves of all the sweetest satisfaction and the richest comforts and the joyful experience and the installments of Heaven in advance which Jesus gives to his whole souled followers. There is much talk in the air about needed revivals. I verily believe that a revival which should convert the half-Christians into whole Christians would be the most beneficent blessing which God could bestow. Great meetings to hear great preachers do not meet the case. What is needed most is close, searching, individual *heart-work*, each half-alive professor coming penitently and honestly face to face with Christ, confessing sin and offering him the complete possession of the whole heart. When Christ gets the souls of his Church, he will soon get the souls of the sinners.

If a divided heart is so enfeebling and demoralizing a disease when found in a professed Christian, it is the secret cause of the impenitence of tens of thousands in our congregations. They have nearly all had their times of serious thinking, when they were half-inclined to become Christians. Conscience has condemned you again and again, my dear friend, and to quiet it you have made plausible promises of a better life. The test came when the Holy Spirit demanded of you to give up the sins that had room rent in your heart. If Christ would have compromised with you, and let you hold on to what suits your lusts, you would have struck a bargain with him gladly. He demanded the whole heart, and that ended it. Perhaps, under some powerful discourse, or severe affliction, or in the atmosphere of a powerful revival, you did actually set out on some steps toward a new life. You prayed and asked others to pray for you. But, instead of pushing straightway, with your face set like a flint toward the cross of Christ, you faltered and halted and looked back. That backward look divided your heart, and when it required the whole man to go forward, the part of you which *held back* was too much for conscience

and the drawing spirit. The sin-loving half of you neutralized the Christ-seeking half. Christ's beckoning call to you was: "Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye search for me *with all the heart*." He offered you the whole of himself; he asked of you the whole of yourself. Little had you to give at the best; but it must be your little *all*. In return, he offered you forgiveness, peace, power to conquer heirship to all heaven's glories and life everlasting. The one condition was your whole heart for him to live in, and to light up and to warm and to sweeten and to sanctify by his presence. But you drew back, and to day you are just as near to being a true Christian as the man is to being on the ferry-boat who drops down between it and the wharf.

Felix committed your blunder. His conscience sided with Paul; but his sinful inclination pulled him back into the rapids, and he went over the cataract. There is really no half-way house of safety between hell and heaven. By and by your whole undivided self is in the one or in the other. Christ will not compromise for half of you. You have got to cut loose from the old life before you can lay hold of the new, to come over to Christ's terms and accept them without condition. The prize that out weighs the universe is yours to day and yours forever if you will accept it on Christ's just terms. The Lord of glory presses this prize of eternal life upon you, and says: "thou shalt have ME when ye seek for me with *all your heart*."

Sisters' S. C. E.

HOW TO PROMOTE GREATER SPIRITUALITY IN OUR S. S. C. E. WORK.

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Sisters and friends of the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor:—When I first learned of the subject upon which I was to speak, I thought, why I would prefer any of the other subjects to this one, they have assigned the very hardest one to me. And the longer I thought about it the more determined I became that I could say nothing on the subject; finally it occurred to me that I had better look up the word "Spirituality." So I consulted Webster, and found that it meant something pertaining to heaven. I could gain no farther knowledge from this source; and I remembered these words of the Blessed Master, "My spirit shall not always strive with men." That was my key note. I decided I would go to the blessed Book divine for a truer, a wider, a more comprehensive definition of the subject upon

which I wanted to think and write. And right here let me tell you that I found so many beautiful thoughts that I could scarcely make my selections; but these words seemed to sink deepest into my soul, "But if the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit which dwelleth in you." Rom. 8:11. With this as a precept, shall we not be able to gain some light which shall strengthen our spiritual work?

Now life is just what we make it; and if we cheerfully take up the duties assigned us—with Christ as our guiding star—we shall surprise our friends by what we can do. If on the other hand we shirk our duties and ignore our opportunities of winning souls for Christ, we shall surprise all with whom we come in contact by what we cannot do, and greatest of all, we become a nonentity.

I am sure God never intended his daughters should spend as much time upon the minor affairs of this life as some of us do; but rather upon the adornment of the soul. "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit, the things of the spirit."

When we once become enthused with the spirit of our work, we shall not need to question how may we promote greater spirituality; for then shall we be so imbued with the work that our mortal bodies shall be quickened by the spirit which dwelleth in us."

God made man first, but discovered a missing link, and his crowning work was when He placed woman by his side as his helpmate. Allow me to dwell a moment upon this helpmate. Dare she speak in public as his helpmate; to honor and glorify our Maker? I am very thankful that today we dare stand in the Brethren Church and declare ourselves an organized body of workers—timid and fearful though we be—yet knowing we are working for Christ. But our work will tell in the future, when the children, who have been under the auspices of the Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor shall show the power of our influence for God, as I feel sure they will.

Yes, dear sisters, I feel the need of greater spirituality in our work. God has promised to help us and he will, but we must ask of him. We know the power of an organization, and Christ has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Now we have come in his name and he is with us, and we shall ask him to lead us into deeper spirituality in all our work, in our society as well as in our home duties. May he ever lead us by his own blessed spirit.